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THERE ARE NO ACCURATE ESTIMATES ON THE NUMBER OF LEBANESE REFUGEES WHO HAVE COME TO BENIN. WE HAVE HEARD A FIGURE OF ONE HUNDRED, BUT CANNOT VERIFY. ACCORDING TO EGYPTIAN CHARGE, WHO HAS CLOSE CONTACTS WITH THE LOCAL LEBANESE COMMUNITY, ONLY TWO FAMILIES HAVE COME HERE FROM LEBANON, THE OTHER NEW ARRIVALS HAVE RESETTLED HERE FROM ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA. IN VIEW OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN, WE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT LEBANESE WOULD VOLUNTARILY RESETTLE HERE FROM OTHER PARTS OF AFRICA.

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